

RESOLUTION 2014-093  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
ADOPTING THE 2014 POUFRE RIVER DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2011-156, adopting the annual appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and adopting the 2012 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Budget included appropriation of funds for the City's Natural Areas Department to initiate a master plan development project for the core portion of the Poudre River corridor through the City's downtown area-- from Shields Street to Mulberry Street; and

WHEREAS, the overarching goal of the master plan was to set forth a comprehensive, long-term vision to improve in-river and riverbank recreation, habitat connectivity, restoration and rehabilitation, flood mitigation, channel bank protection, water quality, public safety and access, and transportation along the downtown core of the Poudre River corridor; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2013-2014 Budget, a planning budget was appropriated for engineering and permitting costs associated with developing a menu of specific improvement options for City Council approval within an adopted master plan; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these goals and at the direction of the City Council, over a one and half year period, City Natural Areas staff collected information on the historical and community-supported uses of the downtown river corridor and the impacts of recreation and adjoining development on river utilization and habitat, including irrigation diversions, through community member interviews, open houses, and public presentations before City Council; and

WHEREAS, the collected body of information generated by staff over the project development period was presented to the City Council at a work session on July 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, that information, along with details on the history and condition of the river corridor, flood mitigation opportunities, habitat restoration goals, and recommended recreational enhancements, have been incorporated into the 2014 Poudre River Downtown Master Plan (the "River Plan"); and

WHEREAS, a copy of the River Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the River Plan was reviewed by the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board and the Natural Resources Advisory Board, whose recommendations have been incorporated into the proposed River Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed River Plan is in the best interests of the City and should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the 2014 Poudre River Downtown Master Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A," is hereby adopted as a plan of the City.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of October, A.D. 2014.

Karen Weithorn  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Nels  
City Clerk

